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Reflections about John E. Fetzer

This memo includes personal anecdotes and reflections about John Fetzer. I am writing this to complete a few gaps in the record.

John Fetzer sought balance from the time I started working closely with him in 1981 until his death. The following pictures provide a glimpse of how he integrated meditation, reflection, family and friends into his life.

Fetzer Ranch in Tucson, AZ



John Fetzer owned a 210-acre parcel at the base of the Catalina mountain range in Tucson, AZ. On this parcel, he erected a meditation shelter at the summit of a foothill next to his house. John Fetzer is shown at the base of the trail. He would typically winter at his ranch in Tucson, until he moved to Hawaii.

When he wintered in Tucson, he would have Jim Gordon and myself visit. Jim Gordon was a psychic and was his spiritual advisor. Many of the channelings about the Fetzer Foundation's purpose were recorded at John's ranch between 1982 and 1984. We would frequently study other mystical or esoteric materials while in retreat there. A few times, we attended a Unity Church service because he could go incognito, and he liked the meditations. John believed in the primacy of love, the reality of Spirit and the interconnection of all things. As a universalist, he could be labeled a Spiritual Monist... all is Spirit.

After his death, the Tucson property was sold off, with the proceeds being added to the John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust.

Fetzer Cottage at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park



John Fetzer owned a three-bedroom cottage on the shore of Otter Lake, MI. It became part of a National Park, and was very bucolic, serene and private. We would take weekend retreats there, a couple times per summer. John would relax by the waterfront and gaze across the lake.

After John's death, John's right of use expired. The property reverted to the National Park Service, which razed the home to make open land.

On retreat there, we would frequently study a book, meditate, and take drives through the park. We would commonly take a short drive to the shore of Lake Michigan and watch the sunset. John Fetzer always had a copy of *A Course in Miracles* with him. His supplemental reading materials included channeled materials about mankind's destiny, waking up consciousness, energy medicine, healing, and the esoteric realms.

John Fetzer at Grand Travers Resort, top floor dining room.

From left: Darby Fetzer, John Fetzer, Lisa Rose,
Jim Gordon, Tom Beaver, Bruce Fetzer



In 1986, The Fetzer Foundation had a staff retreat to provide opportunities for Jim Gordon to lecture and interact with Fetzer Foundation staff. John Fetzer was a devout student of mystical awakening and encouraged it for staff. He participated in workshops and trainings as he was physically able.

John and Darby Fetzer after his angioplasty



John Fetzer had always taken a liking to my wife Darby. Darby shared that her internship for degree in Occupational Therapy, was in California. John advised me to tie the knot. He even gave me his sister Hattie's engagement ring.

When Darby was pregnant with our first,

John dowsed her belly and to Darby's astonishment, predicted it would be a girl. He requested that we name her Della after his mother. Darby and I considered the name and Della became our first born (followed by twins (Rose & Grace))